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### Three new vintage wines from 150-year-old Mill

Celebrating The Mill's 150<sup>th</sup> year, Windowrie Wines have released three new 2010 vintage 'The Mill' wines which honour one of the Central Ranges' oldest buildings.

The Mill was built in 1861 and opened amid great fanfare. The stone and timber building was an impressive construction that showed the optimism of the future of the region. After a chequered history, David and Wizz O'Dea and their family painstakingly restored the building.

In its 150<sup>th</sup> year, The Mill continues to play a central role in the tourism of the region.

The three new Windowrie wines comprise the **2010 'The Mill' Chardonnay, 2010 'The Mill' Merlot and 2010 'The Mill' Cabernet Merlot.**

These wines were created using Windowrie's relatively new philosophy of sourcing fruit from within 100 miles of the winery. This change has allowed the winery to utilise some of the great quality fruit from Orange and Hilltops, as well as our their own Canowindra fruit.

"The 2010 vintage produced good wines from these NSW regions," explained Windowrie's Jason O'Dea. "2010 was challenging in some areas, however nowhere near as difficult as the current vintage. By working closely with growers across these regions, we are able to offer our customers consistent quality wines with a regional flavour."

The 2010 'The Mill' Chardonnay was made from grapes grown in the family's Canowindra vineyard. "The Cowra region continues to produce flavoursome chardonnay, and we have some of the oldest plantings. With the reinvention of Australian chardonnay, Cowra can create good examples, and with a touch of Viognier we can build complexity and layers of flavour."

"The Hilltops is growing some of the best Cabernet in NSW. It has the elevation as well as the climate to ripen the fruit nicely, creating plush, fruit forward wines." The 2010 The Mill Cabernet Merlot comprises 85 per cent Hilltops and 15 per cent Cowra fruit while the 2010 Merlot is 85 per cent Cowra and 15 per cent Hilltops.

Windowrie has experienced some exciting growth over the past few years. "The work done by 'NSW Wine' has certainly grown the appreciation and understanding of our local wine regions. This has transposed into sales for us, particularly in the greater Sydney region and the Blue Mountains," mentioned Jason.

**Distribution:** The Windowrie range of wines is distributed nationally and is available for tasting and purchase from the historic 150-year-old Mill Cellar door in Cowra.

<b>Pricing:</b>	2010 Windowrie 'The Mill' Chardonnay	<b>\$16.99</b>
	2010 Windowrie 'The Mill' Merlot	<b>\$16.99</b>
	2010 Windowrie 'The Mill' Cabernet Merlot	<b>\$16.99</b>

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**WINDOWRIE ESTATE** is one of the Cowra region's founding winemakers. Established by the O'Dea family in 1988, the business experienced considerable success, allowing them to build a 6000 tonne winery in 1999. The Windowrie range now comprises the 'Family Reserve', 'The Mill and 'Deep River' range. A feature of Windowrie is The Mill cellar door and function centre located in the heart of Cowra. The old, rundown 1859 flour mill was painstakingly restored by the family in the 1990s and is now a key attribute of the town.